

# RainScapes Rewards Rebate Project First Steps



Are you interested in doing a RainScapes project but don't know where to begin? Use the check-lists below to identify types of projects that are suited for you and your property.

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## Define your concerns and goals

- ☐ Do you have erosion?
- ☐ Do you have a lot of runoff from your neighbor's property?
- ☐ Do you want to attract butterflies and birds to your yard?

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## Select a project

choose a **RAIN GARDEN** if:

- ☐ You have a lot of open area without tree roots
- ☐ You have a fairly level yard
- ☐ Rain water drains into the ground fairly quickly

choose a  
**CONSERVATION LANDSCAPE** if:

- ☐ There are lots of tree roots
- ☐ Rain water drains into the ground fairly quickly
- ☐ The site is very sloped

choose **PERMEABLE PAVING** if:

- ☐ You are already planning to re-do your driveway

choose **PAVEMENT REMOVAL** if:

- ☐ You can replace a paved surface with lawn or plantings
- ☐ You have a lot of paved surfaces and not much green space

choose **RAIN BARRELS** if:

- ☐ You would like to capture rain to water your garden
- ☐ You have space for a minimum of 200 gallons of rain barrel storage

*Don't see the project that you want? Go to **RainScapes.org** for a complete list of project types.*

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## Learn more

The following documents can be downloaded from the **Resources** section of **RainScapes.org**

- Projects Manual
- Project Types
- Application Process
- Plants that Work
- How to do a Perc Test
- Project Requirements
- How to Write a Plant List
- How to Make a Planting Plan
- Key Elements of a Site Assessment
- RainScapes Contractor List

### NOW YOU ARE READY TO APPLY!

Visit **RainScapes.org** and click on **RainScapes Rewards Rebates** to apply now.



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# RainScapes Rewards Residential Rebates

## Project Descriptions



Residential properties are eligible to receive a lifetime total of \$2,500 per property in rebates. Amounts listed below are for residential properties. Commercial, HOA, multi-family, and institutional properties are eligible to receive a total of \$10,000 in rebates. Details can be found at [rainscapes.org](http://rainscapes.org).



### Rain Garden

A rain garden is a shallow depression containing spongy soil and a variety of mostly native plants that help infiltrate the water deep into the ground, help filter pollutants and provide valuable habitat for pollinators. Rebate amount: Typically \$1,200 per rain garden, based on square footage, capacity and receipts.



### Conservation Landscape

Conservation landscapes are gardens that convert lawns, invasive plant or eroded areas to gardens that use 75% native plants. They have decompacted and compost amended soil. Conservation landscape projects need to intercept runoff. Rebate amount: \$2 per square foot with not ponding; \$3 per square foot with 3" of ponding. 250 sq. foot minimum.



### Permeable Paver Retrofit

Permeable paving allows stormwater to seep into the ground while maintaining a durable surface for cars and people. Specially engineered layers under the permeable paving surface clean and soak in stormwater. Rebate amount: \$4 per square foot or \$2,500 (whichever is greater, based on impervious area treated); 100 sq. foot minimum.



### Pavement Removal

Removing pavement, decompacting soil and planting vegetation helps reduce the hard surfaces that add to stormwater runoff. Rebate amount: \$2 per square foot or \$4 per square foot depending on if replacing with turf (lower amount) or native plants (higher amount)



### Water Harvesting

Above ground containers (rain barrels and cisterns) attach to roof downspouts and slow, store and allow the reuse of rainwater. Rebate amount: \$1 per gallon; 250 gallon minimum to 500 gallon maximum; \$1,000 maximum per property.



### Green Roof

A roof designed to hold special soil and plants. It treats the first inch of rainwater before it can reach the ground. Rebate amount: \$10 per square foot; 240 square foot minimum.



### Canopy Tree

Shade trees add an 'umbrella' that reduces rainwater runoff temperature by shading paved surfaces, slows runoff and helps soak up water. Rebate amount: \$200 per tree: number of trees determined by space on parcel. Must shade or cover impervious area.



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NOTE: Properties located in the City of Gaithersburg, City of Rockville, or City of Takoma Park are not eligible for the Montgomery County RainScapes Program.



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